SENTINEL

Henry Grattan, Patriot and Imperialist. Lord Castletown, in the "Cornhill Magazine."

Just one hundred years ago the name of Grattan was in the mind and on the lips of every man in the purest and greatest of men, and Ireland. Yet the man who bore that name, the foremost, the most eminent of Ireland's sons, was standing aloot from the tragedy of horrors that have made 1798 and the succeeding years the saddest epoch in Ireland's unfortunate history. He was undoubtedly appalled at the ruin of the country, ots dear to God, and famous in all heartbroken at the misery of the people and helpless in the face of the evil counsels prevailing in Government circles. His health was failing and his hopes shattered; yet, when attacked for his absence trom public life, and accused in Parliament and by pamphlet of complicity in rebellion, he turned simply breaking through the ice upon his accusers, and in the most | and applying a match to the surdissipated the suspicion and routed shoot up as high as a man and will his defamers. In answering Lord burn brightly tor a minute or two.

Chancellor Corry, he said:—
"The charge is false. The civil war had not commenced when I left the kingdom; and I could not have returned without taking part. On the one side there was the camp of the rebel; on the other the camp of the minister, a greater traitor than the rebel. The strong hold of the Constitution was nowhere to be found. I agreed that the rebel who rises against the in extent. Puncture these bubbles Government should suffer; but I with a chisel, apply a lighted match, missed on the scaffold the right and one has a roaring flame before hon, gentleman. Two desperate which the skater may warm his parties were in arms against the benumbed fingers. The experi-Constitution. The right hon gentleman belonged to one of these | between the wind and the jet of parties and deserved cleath. I could gas as he lights it, or he will have torture; I could not join halt- promptu torch. There are places hanging; I could not join free where the gas supply is so abundquarter; I could take part with ant as to prevent the ice from formneither. I was, therefore, absent ing, except on the very coldest from a scene where I could not be nights. When such places are active without selt reprach nor in-different with safety. And I think now, as I thought then, that the ing from a considerable depth in worse than the rebellion of the people against the minister." In these tew bitter sentences,

uttered during the darkest period whose glorious career I now propose to discuss. The fierce rhetand his assailants ended in a duel, in which Corry was wounded at the first fire. Further shots were exchanged, but with no effect, and Gratton was the first to ask that the combat might end. Within the compass of this episode we Kansas, and is a river lake; that is, have the keynote to all his life. It was formed from a bend of the He was essentially and absolutely Missouri river by the water taking a patriot; he was opposed to all a short cut across the narrow neck intolerant of Government chican- bed to be occupied by a beautiful ery; brave to a fault, eloquent beyond all in a very eloquent age, and absorbed by a deep, lasting

and perfect love for Ireland and his fellow countrymen of all classes and creeds. His early life was passed in an Ireland of which it is difficult for us to form a true conception, and But the supply is too great to be at a time in Irish history which accounted for in that manner. was most remarkable and unique. The country was governed by a Protestant oligarchy; small vil- the bottom is everywhere about lages returned one or two members to Parliament; certain great gas is supplied only in certain lords held so many boroughs in their power and pocket-in point of fact, 124 members of Parliament were selected by fifty-three peers. The governing body and the social life of that time were very cultivated, witty and clever, and numbered men who are now considered worthy of the highest praise. Parliamentary corruption was rampant, and freedom of the subject, as we understand it, was unknown. What I desire to call attention to is the surroundings and debased small supply of gas a tew years political conditions out of which sprung this remarkable man. His appearance was not very striking; he was below the middle height, but strongly built. He had charming manners, and was most engaging and tascinating in private life. In public, even at the outset and to those who knew him intimately, he seemed to move with a destined force, while his constrained and curious gesture in speaking and his eloquence were so marked even at the commencement, and his application to politics so keen, that all considered him marked out for a great political chief. In this expectation hls friends were not mistaken. Within a few short years the fame of Grattan filled the senate houses of both islands, and the name of Grattan

His effect on Ireland was prodigious and lasts to this day. He gave us the Magna Charta of our liberties. Had it not been for him, we should have been a mere appanage to Great Britain. As it is, we stand, or can stand if our countrymen are patriotic and wise enough to enforce it, on an equal footing with the sister kingdom.

* * Why can we not in our respective spheres think, plan and strive to maintain the constitutional liberty of our land, to urge the redress of such grievances as are real and tangible, to combat all that is sordid and mean and unconstitutional, whether it be by the party politician or the equally insincere demagogue and moborator? * * We should all seek to rise as he did above the low level of partisanship and party cabal. We should mould our Imperialism on his ardent admiration for and devotion to the Constitution we now live under; while, as he did, so should we not allow one scintilla of true patriotism and devotion to Ireland to die out in our hearts because we happen to be part of this great empire. * * A man can be, as Grattan was, an onest Irish patriot and a true Imperialist. What can be a prouder are charging that he received a boast than to try to emulate Grattan | bribe of 10,000,000 taels from Rusthrough life, having done all we sia for concessions in the Port can and ought for Ireland, and hav- Arthur affair.

became a synonym for constitu-

tional liberty within his own native

land.

ing done all we owe in duty to our empire? Love Ireland, your native land, and maintain her name and nationality high aloft, her liberty, her privileges, her Constitution intact, and at the same time defend and serve that great empire of which she is one of the most glori-ous gems. It Irishmen will do so they are following the example of they will realize the idea of the immortal Milton, who, when writing of the duties of a true citizen and man, said they should be "enflamed with the study of learn-ing and the admiration of virtue, stirred up with high hope of living, to be brave men and worthy patriages."

Burning Fields of Ice. E. B. Knerr, in the Scientific American

It seems a somewhat surprising statement to make that on the ice covered surface of a Kansas lake it is possible to build bonfires by graphic words, I think, he ever used, face of the water. The flames will This is what has been possible for several winters on Doniphan Lake, Kansas, and on one of its tributary streams. The fuel for these fires is natural gas, which bubbles up through the water the year round, but it is only during the very cold winter nights that it is thus temporarily stored under the ice in immense bubbles or pockets, sometimes ten to twenty square yards menter must be careful to stand not join the rebel; I could not join his clothing singed before he can the Government; I could not join get out of the way of his imtreason of the minister against the | the earth, is so warm that it soon liberties of the people was infinitely | melts a passage way and escapes. The present winter formed ice of fifteen inches thickness on the lake, and yet some of the areas of gas supply were not frozen over. Near of his existence, spoke the man | the entrance of one of the creeks into the lake the water is quite shallow and the bottom may be orical struggle between Grattan readily seen. Here the gas has formed regular channels up through the mud, and out of these large bubbles of gas are discharged Extra Fine Lager Beer Brewery every few seconds.

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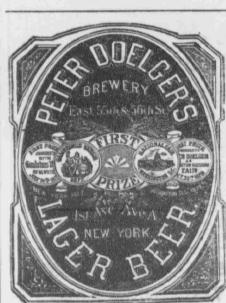
unconstitutional acts, and yet most | of the bend, thus leaving the old horseshoe lake about five miles in length. This happened during the high waters of the spring and early summer of 1891. Because the lake Is thus comparatively a recent for mation, some observers have contended that the gas which collects under the ice is only marsh gas. Were it marsh gas, it would rise more equally all over the lake, for the same. On the contrary, the localities, and the eastern arm of the lake is without gas. Besides, the places of discharge are the same the year round. On the Missouri side of the river are three other lakes of like formation; Mud, Sugar and Bean lakes. These do not show gas except in occasional very small bubbles. It is not surprising that natural gas should be found in eastern Kansas. A boring at Kansas City, about fifty-five miles south of Doniphan, gave a ago. Ninety-miles southwest of Kansas City, at Iola, Kansas, a gas well, in recent years, furnished seven million cubic feet of gas per day. There is no doubt that the Doniphan gas is true natural gas, and comes from the interior rocks of the earth. The question of quantity can only be determined by prospecting. Should a gusher be struck here, it would be a great find, for St. Joseph, Mo., is only sixteen miles to the north, Atchison is practically on the field and Kansas City is less than sixty miles to the south.

> THE ETHNOLOGY OF KISSING,-The kiss was unknown, I think, among the aboriginal tribes of America and of Central Africa. From the most ancient times, however, it has been familiar to the Asiatic and European races. The Latins divided it into three forms -the osculum, the basium, and the suavium; the first being the kiss of friendship and respect, the second of ceremony, and the third ot love. The Semites always knew the kiss, and Job speaks of it as part of the sacred rites, as it is to-day in the Roman Church. The Mongolian kiss, however, is not the same as that which prevails with us. In it the lips do not touch the surface of the person kissed. The nose is brought into light contact with the cheek, forehead, or hand; the breath is drawn slowly through the nostrils, and the act ends with a slight smack of the lips. The Chinese consider our mode of kissing full of coarse suggestiveness, and our writers regard their method with equal disdain. Darwin and other naturalists have attempted to trace back the kiss to the act of the lower animals who seize their prey with their teeth, &c. An interesting recent study of the subject is by E. Paul d'Enjoy in the Bulletin of the Paris Anthropological Society, vol. viii. No. 2. - Dr Daniel G. Brinton, in ·Science."

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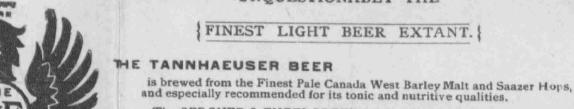
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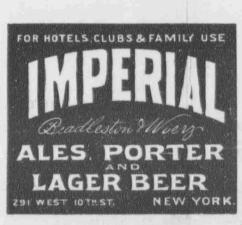
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